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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Health-5 Branch)

The 13th February, 2026

No.HFW-HLH5019/1/2025-3H5/13.- In the supersession of Govt. of Punjab letter no. 6/91/17-4HB5/982986/1-10, dated 22.05.2017 and no. 6/9/17-4HB5/1213640/1-11 dated 19.04.2018, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to constitute a Medical Board at each district level named **"District Medical Boards for Negligence"** to decide the complaints against the private/Govt. doctors/hospitals for Medical negligence in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 05.08.2005 in Jacob Mathew case passed in Appeal (CRL.) 144-145 of 2004 and orders passed by Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh in CRM-M No. 16382,16383,16384 of 2014. The District Medical Boards for Negligence will consist of the following:-

Sr.No.	Members of the Board	Designation
i	Civil Surgeon of the District	Chairperson
ii	Principal Medical Officer/Medical Superintendent of District Hospital as the case may be	Member Secretary
iii	Two subject specialists of the same specialty related to the type of complaint. (Either both from Govt., or one from the Govt. and one from the private. If any subject specialist is not available then the Chairperson can call from other District)	Member
iv	One Member of the distrcit IMA (To be decided by the District IMA President)	Member

(Note: The above committee shall examine such application in the light of orders passed by the Apex Court in Jacob Mathew case and applying Bolam's test. All members shall be present and sign the report.)

1. The District Medical Boards for Negligence will look into all complaints against the private/

Govt. doctors/hospitals for Medical negligence and will be empowered to call & seek the assistance of anybody or any record associated with the complaint and will have the power to inspect the premises as per need of the case.

2. Investigating officers should, before proceeding against the doctors accused of rash or negligent act or omission, obtain an independent and competent medical opinion from District Medical Boards for Negligence.

3. The District Medical Boards for Negligence shall give an impartial and unbiased opinion applying Bolam's test to the facts collected in the investigation.

4. The District Medical Boards for Negligence will meet as frequently as required and will devise a transparent procedure to receive complaints.

This notification will come into force w.e.f. the date of this notification in the Official Gazette.

Sd/-

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